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Hi, Rick. Just wanted to let you know that I reached out to Rob Hanson last Friday to let him know what we were doing with respect to evaluating work at mine sites in the wake of Gold King. They are actually planning a similar investigation of a blockage and insertion of a plug in one of the adits at the Triumph Mine. We did a removal there years ago, but I think it was just on the tailings piles.

There is currently a plug about 1100 feet back from the opening but there was a cave in at about 285 feet back and water is backing up. Because of the other plug and flow controls, they have pretty good data and believe there is only about 6 feet of head built up behind the blockage. They have a surge pond with a 1.5M gallon capacity and their calculations indicate about 700,000 gallons max. They are definitely paying attention to Gold King and are talking to potential contractors about additional contingency planning. This work is not planned until the fall so they will have the benefit of lessons learned from Gold King to incorporate as appropriate.

Any word from HQ on our list and our regional decision not to stop any work?

Beth

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